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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: In the matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65J)

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As the President of America's Best Community College – determined by Washington Monthly – Atlanta Technical College has a history of preparing our students for high-wage, high performance careers in a range of fields. With over 100 different programs ranging from health science to industrial technologies to business management, our faculty and staff know a thing or two about the technical issues that our community and state currently face. With that in mind, I would like to convey my strong support for the AT&T/T-Mobile merger with the hope that the FCC will approve this transaction.

The new and expanded AT&T will usher in a period of technological innovation that will lead to more advanced products and devices to prepare America for a more digital and connected future. By expanding their 4G LTE wireless network to over 97 percent of the country, AT&T will be introducing high-speed mobile broadband to many communities for the very first time. With this advanced technology, Americans throughout the country will be able to communicate, learn, innovate, and prosper using AT&T's state-of-the-art wireless broadband. This reliable mobile network will allow schools to tap into new learning programs, businesses to reach new markets, and families to link-up from virtually anywhere in the country.

A combined company that encompasses all of AT&T and T-Mobile's resources will create a more efficient, innovative, and well-equipped communications infrastructure in the United States. Rural parts of Georgia could be seeing this wireless technology for the first time, and we should not deny them that privilege. As the President of a technical college I am keenly aware of the benefits that this telecommunications merger will bring to Georgia and the United States. Please approve this merger and allow the innovation and technological advancements take hold.

Thank you,

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